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For SINGLE CRYSTAL SILICON HAVING IMPROVED GATE OXIDE INTEGRITY

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**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE**  
**OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322**

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On studying the above-identified patent, the following errors, apparently made by the Patent and Trademark Office, were found (these errors are also noted on the attached form PTO-1050):

On the Face of the Patent, (60) Related U.S. Application Data, "Jan. 2, 2002." should read -- Jan. 2, 2001. --.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.322, a copy of Declaration/Power of Attorney, filed on March 6, 2002 is attached.

We respectfully request that a certificate of correction be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PROCESS FOR PREPARING SINGLE CRYSTAL SILICON  
HAVING IMPROVED GATE OXIDE INTEGRITY**

the specification of which:

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on January 2, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/039,196, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_, if any.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a) - (d) or §365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT application which designates at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priority Not Claimed

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